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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b), is a Continuation application of PCT International Application No. PCT/JP00/03670 filed on June 6, 2000.

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For: SHREDDED TOBACCO SUPPLY APPARATUS OF CIGARETTE MANUFACTURING MACHINE

Enclosed are:

- A specification consisting of twenty (20) pages
- Three (3) sheet(s) of formal drawings
- An assignment of the invention
- Certified copy of Priority Document(s)
- Executed Declaration Original Photocopy
- Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.
- Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 with reference(s)
- Preliminary Amendment

- Priority of PCT International Application No. PCT/JP00/03670 filed on June 6, 2000 is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120.
- Amend the specification by inserting before the first line thereof the following:

--This application is a Continuation of copending PCT International Application No. PCT/JP00/03670 filed on June 6, 2000, which was not published in English and which designated the United States, and on which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference.--
- Priority of Application No. 11-161016 filed in JAPAN on June 8, 1999 is claimed under U.S.C. § 119.
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